Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Canceled).

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Currently Amended):   A signal processing apparatus, comprising:

processing means for executing a plurality of processes;

assigning means for automatically assigning each process with a unique code used for executing each of the plurality of processes;

control means for controlling said processing means to execute the plurality of processes in accordance with the code assigned by said assigning means;

input means for inputting program data and program information of the program data; and

searching means for searching the program information input by said input means in accordance with a predetermined search condition, wherein said searching means adds a search point if a program matches a search condition and selects a program having a high search point, and the search condition includes a condition that the search point lowers more as the number of assignment times of the code by said assigning means for the plurality of processes is larger.

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Claims 8-24 (Canceled).

Claim 25 (New): A signal processing apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the search condition includes a condition that the search point lowers more as the number of assignment times of the code by said assigning means for the plurality of processes is larger.

Claim 26 (New): A signal processing method, comprising:

a processing step of executing a plurality of processes by a processing unit;

an assigning step of automatically assigning each process with a unique code used for executing each of the plurality of processes;

a control step of controlling the processing unit to execute the plurality of processes in accordance with the code assigned by said assigning step;

an input step of inputting program data and program information of the program data; and

a searching step of searching the program information input in said input step in accordance with a predetermined search condition, wherein said searching step adds a search point if a program matches a search condition and selects a program having a high search point.

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